

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-SS-6-25-99

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Effective Date: 12:01 a.m.
October 9, 1999

Expiration Date: December 31, 1999
Unless superseded by subsequent
emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes all freshwaters of Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon to all fishing until brood stock needs for the coho salmon stocking program are met. When brood stock requirements are met fishing will be reopened by emergency order.

REGULATION:

Special provisions are therefore added to 5 AAC 55.022 (5) to read: Sport fishing is closed in all freshwaters of Fleming Spit Creek and lagoon.

Frank Rue
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Andrew Hoffmann
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

The numbers of coho salmon returning Prince William Sound Aquaculture's (PWASC) Wally Noerenberg Hatchery on Esther Island are inadequate to supply the brood stock for their stocking program in Cordova, Whittier and Chenega. Hatchery personnel will therefore be taking brood stock from the lagoon at Fleming Spit in Cordova. To facilitate the collection of brood stock the department is closing this area to allow adequate numbers of coho salmon to gather to achieve an egg take. This closure is justified to ensure the continuation of the sport fishing opportunities provided at Fleming Spit by this PWSAC program. This action is authorized by Alaska Statute 16.05.730(a) *Fish stocks in the state shall be managed consistent with sustained yield of wild fish stocks and may be managed consistent with the sustained yield of enhanced stocks.* This fishery will reopen by emergency order when the egg take objective is achieved.

DISTRIBUTION:

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